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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Fumiyasu HIRAI et al.

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Examiner: Ivars C. Cintins

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For: **ADSORBENT, ADSORBING AND REMOVING PROCESS AND ADSORBER FOR
ENDOGENOUS CANNABINOID**

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 11, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002, Applicants amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (Twice amended) A process for adsorbing and removing endogenous cannabinoid comprising a step of contacting an adsorbent for endogenous cannabinoid comprising a water-insoluble material containing a substance whose solubility parameter δ is at most $12 \text{ ((cal/cm}^3)^{1/2}$) with fluid containing endogenous cannabinoid, wherein the substance whose solubility parameter δ is at most $12 \text{ ((cal/cm}^3)^{1/2})$ is at least one substance selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene, poly(methacrylate ester), poly(acrylate ester), poly(vinyl chloride), polystyrene, a styrene-divinyl benzene copolymer, nylon 6, nylon 66, polytetrafluoroethylene, polysulfone and polyurethane.